



**City of Key West
Tree Commission Meeting
March 08, 2010
510 Greene Street, Old City Hall, 5:00 PM
Minutes**

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

Tree Commissioners:

 x **Danilo Crespo**
5:15 **Gregory Curry**
 x **Mimi McCoy Grantham**
 x **Rudy Molinet**
 x **Niels Weise**
 x **Ashish Soni**

Staff:

 x **Ronald Ramsingh**
 Asst. City Attorney
 x **Cynthia Domenech-Coogle**
 Urban Forestry Program Manager
 x **Gladys Abreda**
 Administrative Secretary

3. Approval of the Agenda

(a) Additions/Changes:

Staff requested removing item 7-I from the Agenda. Mr. Molinet announced he will be resigning from the Tree Commission as the Mayor had requested him to be on HARC board. Mr. Ramsingh, Assistant City Attorney suggested election should be advertised and set for next meeting in April/12/10.

Motion to approve the removal of Item 7-I, Mr. Weise, second Mr. Soni.

4. Presentations

Urban Forestry Program Manager Report

City Attorney Report

Staff discussed attending a class in Marathon regarding Palms and cold weather damage. Also discussed was progress and budget on landscaping Flagler and keeping

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Commissioner Gibson abreast regarding the \$30,000.00 needed for Flagler Ave. corridor landscaping. Commissioner Gibson relayed we should have a Plan B in case of ‘no money’. Ms. McCoy-Grantham commented the new sidewalk was being torn up by FKAA. Staff would inquire purpose of removing brand new concrete.

5. Approval of Minutes

(a) 01/11/10

(b) 01/25/10

(c) 02/08/10

Motion to table Minutes 01/11/10 and Special Minutes 01/25/10. Mr. Weise, second Mr. Soni.

Motion to approve minutes 02/08/10, Mr. Weise, second Ms. Mimi McCoy-Grantham.

6. Resolutions Tabled Items: na

7. Resolutions

(a) **1401 Newton Street, Ronald D. Holmes & City Key West/ROW:** Remove (1) Spanish Lime tree.

(x) Approved () Denied () Tabled () Further Action

Notes: Staff discussed moving storm water boxes due to trees and roots.

Assistant City Manager David Fernandez stated to Domenech-Coogle in a prior meeting that it was his job to protect trees. In this case staff was called to trim a few branches from the Spanish Lime to provide space for the drill crane. Staff evaluated condition of tree and determined it was a hazardous tree. Staff discussed potential threat with owner of home and city as tree was shared at ROW.

Ms. McCoy-Grantham requested another Sp. Lime to which staff answered that there was not enough growing space and not enough room for trees and eventual sidewalk Mr. Molinet suggested planting trees in the Eisenhower area.

No public Input

Motion to approve Ms. Weise, second Mr. Crespo

Replacement: 18.9 caliper inches native canopy trees F#1.

(b) **1218 Grinnell Street, Michael & Julie Dalsin:** Represented by Lee Mattingly Sr. Remove (1) Avocado tree.

(x) Approved () Denied () Tabled () Further Action

Notes: Homeowner discussed tree leaning on shed and house; staff concurs and described uprooted hazardous tree

No Public Input

Motion to approve Mr. Weise, second Mr. Crespo

Replacement: 7.5 caliper inches native canopy trees, Fl#1

(c) **629 Dey Street, Hans Noe:** Represented by Ken King. Heavy maintenance, remove (1) large branch from Mahogany tree.

(x) Approved () Denied () Tabled () Further Action

Notes: Mr. Ken King/ Golden Bough Tree Services described need for limb removal.

No public Input

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Motion to remove the (1) lower limb on east side Mahogany tree Mr. Soni, second Mr. Crespo.

- (d) **322 Southard Street, Brian & Paula Parker:** Remove (1) Poinciana tree, remove (1) Poinciana limb encroaching from neighbor's tree, remove (1) Tamarind tree and (1) Strangler Ficus.

(x) Approved () Denied () Tabled () Further Action

Notes: Ms. Parker explained issues of limb from neighbors' tree impacting their property and future construction of addition on back of home. Neighbor sent letter approving limb removal. Staff discussed other tree requests for removal.

No public Input

Motion to approve Poinciana limb removal overhanging property, remove (1) Poinciana tree replacement 3.8", (1) Strangler Ficus replacement 2.8" and (1) Tamarind tree replacement 3.3". Total of 9.9" caliper inches native canopy trees Fl #1.

- (e) **915 Johnson Street, Bill Semich:** Represented by Thomas E. Pope. Remove (1) Mahogany tree.

(x) Approved () Denied () Tabled () Further Action

Notes: Staff discussed condition of tree as being hazardous; condition serious included bark, flushing and dieback. Mr. Thomas Pope discussed monetary mitigation instead of replacements on property as property is totally planted. Staff also informed TC applicant completed past open permit.

No public Input

Motion to approve Mr. Weise, second Mr. Crespo

Replacement: 21.7 caliper inches of native canopy trees, Fl #1 or donate \$150.00 per caliper inch/total \$3,255.00 donation to the tree replacement fund.

- (f) **2319/2401 North Roosevelt Blvd, Michael Walsh Mgr. Banana LLC:**

Represented by Clint Oster. Landscape plan Approval

(x) Approved () Denied () Tabled () Further Action

Notes: Mr. Clint Oster represented Banana Bay LLC, and discussed project. Plans were approved in 2006, but permit had expired. Ms. McCoy-Grantham recused herself due to personal interest. Mr. Ransimgh informed Ms. McCoy Grantham to sign form for recusal.

No Public Input.

Motion to approve the landscape plant Mr. Weise, second Mr. Curry

- (g) **300 Block Margaret Street/Row/City Key West:** Represented by Ms. Cynthia Domenech-Coogle, Urban Forestry Program Manager. Remove (1) Mahogany tree.

(x) Approved () Denied () Tabled () Further Action

Notes: Staff discussed condition of Mahogany as becoming increasingly more hazardous; decay, flushing and entire top half of canopy as dead. Mr. Molinet requested locations for replacement; answer KW Bight and Fitzpatrick Street, Mr. Molinet suggested to also replace in Margaret Street neighborhood.

No public Input

Motion to remove the Mahogany tree Mr. Weise, second Ms. McCoy-Grantham

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Replacement: 20.5 caliper inches native canopy trees, Fl#1.

- (h) 100 Block Whitehead Street/Clinton Square/City of Key West:** Represented by Cynthia Domenech-Coogle. Remove (1) Poinciana tree.

(x) Approved () Denied () Tabled () Further Action

Notes: Discussed Clinton Square landscaping and future plans. All new changes in landscaping have been removed with the exception of the Poinciana on east side of the Square under power lines and with storm damage causing tree decline.

Public Input

Motion to approve Mr. Curry, Sr. second McCoy-Grantham

Replacement: (1) Largest field grown Lignum Vitae tree available, Fl #1

- (j) Approving purchase of Key West Historic Tree Markers.**

() Approved () Denied (x) Tabled () Further Action

Representative not in attendance. Mr. Weise skeptical regarding longevity of material used signs Mr. Ramsingh, Assistant City Attorney, cautioned use of TC funds, sighting Sec. 110.287 Funds. Mr. Molinet said that he spoke with Mr. Neff, regarding Tree Markers, cost is \$350.00 per marker and money would go to a non-profit. Markers describe the history of home. User calls phone number on plaque and listens to a recorded message. Mr. Molinet suggested it could be useful for trees.

Motion to table Mr., Weise, second Mr. Crespo

8. Administrative Hearing Tabled:

- (a) 3301 Harriett Avenue, Terry Walburn. Removal of (1) Lignum Vitae without permit.**

() Approved () Denied (x) Tabled () Further Action

Notes: Mr. Curry mentioned item was tabled at last meeting until April 12, 2010

9. Champion Tree Nomination:

10. Discussion Items:

11. Staff and Emergency Approval Permits

- (a) 1300 Flagler Avenue, John Marburg: Remove (1) Coconut palm, replace with native Palm, Fl #1. **Permit #5458****
- (b) 629 Dey Street, Hans Noe: Remove (2) Coconut palms. Replace with (2) native Palms, Fl #1. **Permit #5459.****
- (c) 1604 Flagler Avenue, Richard McCausland: Emergency. Remove (1) Gumbo Limbo. Replace with (1) 10' native canopy tree, Fl #1. **Permit #5461.****
- (d) 1430 Grinnell, Gail Miller: Remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace with (1) native palm, Fl #1. **Permit #5462.****
- (e) 1401 Albury Street, Ann Kolson: Remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace with (1) native palm, Fl #1. **Permit # 5463.****
- (f) 2211 Flagler, Susan Saraceni: Emergency. Remove (1) Mahogany tree. Replace (1) 10' native canopy tree. **Permit #5468.****
- (g) 309 Petronia Street, Richard Hatch: Remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace (1) native palm, Fl #1. **Permit # 5469.****

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- (h) 1501 Rose Street, Larry Littman:** Remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace with (1) native palm Fl#1. **Permit #5470.**
- (i) 2721 Staples Avenue Craig Cates:** Remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace with (1) native palm, FL#1. **Permit #5471.**
- (j) 1504 Patricia Street, Brian & Rosemarie Haring:** Remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace (1) native palm, Fl#1. **Permit #5472.**
- (k) 3711 Duck Avenue, Sylvia Werling:** Remove (1) Coconut palm. Replace with (1) native palm, Fl #1. **Permit #5473.**

Adjourned Mr. Weise, second Mr. Crespo 6:15 p.m.